

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein the composition is formulated as a chewing gum composition wherein said gum base constitutes from 10% to 99% by weight of the composition.
4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein said gum base comprises at least one of the following; natural or synthetic elastomeric compounds, natural or synthetic resin compounds, fillers, softening compounds, antioxidants and colorants.
5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein the composition is formulated as a confectionary composition in which said confectionary base constitutes from 0% to 99% by weight of the composition.
6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein said chewing gum or confectionary additives comprise at least one of the following ingredients: sweeteners, high intensity sweeteners, taste enhancers, flavoring agents, and coloring agents.
7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein said composition is sugar-free.
8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein the composition comprises at least one additional tooth whitening agent.
9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8 wherein said at least one

additional tooth whitening agent is present in between 0.01% and 10.0% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8 wherein said at least one additional tooth whitening agent comprises a bicarbonate salt.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10 wherein said at least one additional tooth whitening agent comprises sodium bicarbonate, said agent being present in between 0.3% and 0.4% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein at least one of said additives and said tooth whitening agent is encapsulated.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein the composition further comprises at least one of the following: oral hygiene promoting agents, anti-calculus agents, anti-microbial agents, anti-inflammatory agents, desensitizing agents, therapeutically active agents, and remineralizing agents.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein the composition further comprises a supplement.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14 wherein said supplement comprises vitamin C.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13 wherein the oral hygiene promoting agent comprises urea, said urea being present in between 0.15% and 25% by weight.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method of whitening tooth surfaces by consuming a solid, oral tooth whitening composition, said tooth surfaces being discolored after use of tobacco products, the solid, oral tooth whitening composition comprising more than 75% by weight of solid materials, and the composition comprising:

- (a) a chewing gum or confectionary base;
- (b) chewing gum or confectionary additives; and
- (c) a tooth whitening agent comprising calcium pyrophosphate present in an amount of between ~~3% and 8%~~ 5.5% and 7 % by weight of the composition, excluding any coating compositions.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of whitening tooth surfaces by consuming a solid, oral tooth whitening composition, said tooth surfaces being discolored after use of coffee products, the solid, oral tooth whitening composition comprising more than 75% by weight of solid materials, and the composition comprising:

- (a) a chewing gum or confectionary base;
- (b) chewing gum or confectionary additives; and
- (c) a tooth whitening agent comprising calcium pyrophosphate present in an amount of between ~~3% and 8%~~ 5.5% and 7 % by weight of the composition, excluding any coating compositions.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein the composition is formulated as a chewing gum composition wherein which said gum base constitutes from 15% to 80% by weight of the composition.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein the composition is formulated as a chewing gum composition wherein said gum base constitutes 25% to 60 % by weight of the composition.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8 wherein said at least one additional tooth whitening agent is present in between 0.1 and 2.0% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating.

28. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8 wherein said at least one additional tooth whitening agent is present in between 0.25% and 1.0% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating.

29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13 wherein the oral hygiene promoting agent comprises urea, said urea being present in between 0.4% and 10% by weight.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13 wherein the oral hygiene promoting agent comprises urea, said urea being present in between 0.8% and 5% by weight.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13 wherein the oral hygiene promoting agent comprises urea, said urea being present in between 1.5 % and 2.5% by weight.